

TOPIC Military Information from Magdeburg

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REMARKS

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1. On 24 August 1952, a train carrying 16 caterpillar tractors, 16 x 85-mm AT guns, 20 trucks with covered numbers and 8 boxcar loads of personnel passed through the Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60) railroad station, coming from the direction of Letzing Heath.

2. On 16 August, the Hindenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Herrenkrugstrasse and Jerichower Strasse was occupied by about 1,500 soldiers of an infantry unit and a signal unit. On 14 August, about 300 soldiers practiced attacking a trench system at the training area behind the installation. The attack was made with the support of light machine guns and 50-mm mortars.

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3. At 6:10 a.m. on 16 August, a train consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 19 x 85-mm AA guns and 23 half track trucks and boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia passed through the Magdeburg main station, proceeding toward Rothensee.

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4. On 22 August, the Encke Kaserne on Beimstrasse was occupied to capacity by a higher echelon headquarters. The Flak Kaserne on Thomas Mann Strasse was occupied to capacity to troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. *

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* Comment. In July and early August, the Hindenburg Kaserne was reportedly occupied by a guard detail by source of this report and another source. The signal unit reported in this report is probably a signal unit of the Third Shock Army which is permanently stationed in the installation. The motor vehicles observed also belong to this army. The assignment of the infantry unit is not known. There is a possibility that recruits of the Third Shock Army receive basic training there. The information on the occupation of the Flak Kaserne and the Encke Kaserne indicates no change since previous reports. See

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